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SUBJECT: DOD EQUIPMENT TEAM OPENING REMARKS

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1. WE NOTE THAT TEXT PRESENTED REF A HAS SIGNIFICANT ALTERNATION FROM APPROVED TEXT (REF B) IN PARAGRAPH BEGINNING "FOLLOWING OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE..." IT OMITTS THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LIST AS "A COMMON LIST OF REQUIREMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE MET THROUGH A COMBINATION OF CASH SALES, FMS FINANCING, GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE OR SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVE."

2. WE FURTHER NOTE THAT SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN ADDED IN A PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH WHICH TIES THE TEAM'S
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EFFORT DIRECTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPENSATION PACKAGE RATHER THAN TO A LIST OF PHILIPPINE DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE MET THROUGH A VARIETY OF MEANS.

3. WE HOPE THAT THE TEAM HAS MADE CLEAR IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN A LIST OF EQUIPMENT

WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER FOR TRANSFER AND THE SEPARATE,
BUT RELATED QUESTION, OF WHAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE
IN THE WAY OF A COMPENSATION PACKAGE THROUGH A VARIETY

OF MEANS WHICH ARE NOT LIMITED TO MAP AND FMS FINANCING.
THE END PRODUCT OF THE TEAM'S VISIT SHOULD BE LIMITED
STRICTLY TO THE FORMER. IF THIS POINT HAS NOT BEEN
MADE FORCEFULLY SO FAR, IT SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO THE
TEAM'S DEPARTURE.
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